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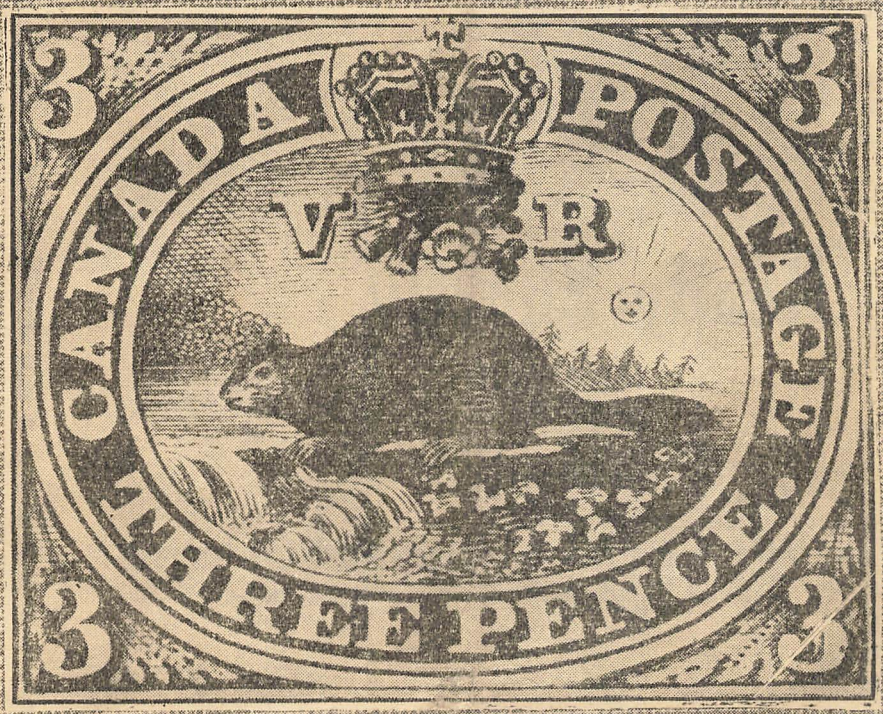

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NEW STAMPS FOR 1957

The Honourable Hugues Lapointe, Postmaster General, has announced that the Post Office Department will issue at least ten new postage stamps and a new Aerogramme form during the calendar year 1957.

Early in March, there will be issued four large size, horizontal postage stamps, each illustrating a different Canadian form of outdoor recreation, skiing, fishing, swimming and hunting. These stamps are being issued to emphasize that Canada is an "All Seasons Playground." This set of stamps will be unique in Canadian philatelic history because the four different designs, all of 5c denomination, will be printed on each pane of 50 stamps delivered to the Postmasters for sale. The Canadian public will be able to purchase a block of four stamps displaying the four different recreation subjects.

In April, a 5c postage stamp will be issued in support of National Wildlife Conservation. This stamp will illustrate the widely-known Canadian bird, the Common Loon.

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In June, a postage stamp will be issued to honour the oustanding explorer of Canada, David Thompson. This stamp will also be of 5c denomination. In August, two postage stamps, 5c and 15c denominations, and a 10c Aerogramme form, will be issued to commemorate the 14th

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Congress of the Universal Postal Union. This Congress will convene in Canada at that time, marking the first occasion that this important international body has met in this country.

Later in 1957, the importance of Canada's Hardrock Mining Industry will be emphasized by the issue of a postage stamp commemorating the Sixth Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Congress, also being held in Canada. In addition, the significant accomplishments of the United Nations Childrens' Fund (UNICEF) will be honoured by a special stamp. Both of these stamps will be of 5c denomination.

Canadian artists created the designs for these stamps which will reveal the rising stature of art in Canada.

Further details regarding the above mentioned stamps will be announced throughout the year.

Re these new stamps — of particular interest is the mention of an Outdoor Recreation set for March which will be unique in that the four different stamps will be printed in each pane thereby making it possible to purchase a block of four stamps displaying the four different subjects to be portrayed in the set. These stamps will be in the large horizontal size of the 5c denomination.

This innovation should meet the approval of collectors of Canadian stamps for its pictured emphasis on Canadian outdoor recreational possibilities. Given the art treatment deserved and they will do much to lift our stamp issues from the critical regard given some of our recent stamp issues. Being in large size they should give the artist more opportunity to detail his subject.

The same large size could possibly be used to advantage for the April 5c Wildlife stamp, particularly if it is to be confined to one stamp only for wildlife recognition. We are persuaded to this remark by the excellence of this year's U.S.A. wildlife stamps which are in the large size.

Altogether the P.O.D. announcement for 1957 new stamps is attractive and cover fitting subjects.

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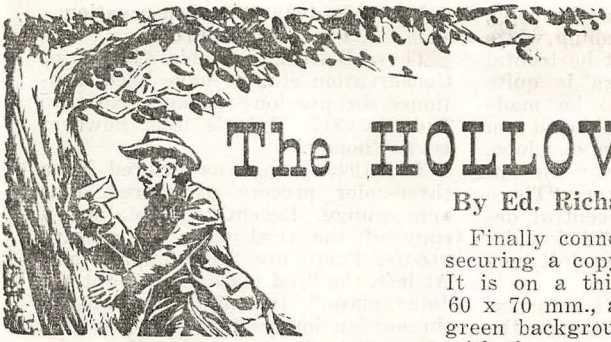

The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

No. 341—Newfoundland Booklets And Panes

Gradually I'm going to become a Newfoundland collector yet! First it was Postal Stationery, then I took on Newfoundland Revenues and Tax Paids, then Newfoundland remainders used in Canada after joining the Dominion, and now its Booklets and Panes!

Actually I don't know exactly how much of a job I've cut out for myself as yet. Holmes lists only 11 varieties of panes counting all known perforation varieties. Sissons lists the same. But how many different types of booklets exist?

None of these are exactly common,—and I'm certain it will be some time before I write "finis" to this little sideline collection. However the field is very inviting as very little research has been writen up on Newfoundland Booklets, and I wager that much of what is now believed to be gospel will be replaced with new information as collectors seriously study these issues. So if you want to join me in a relatively untouched field,—jump in!

Correspondence is invited on these issues.

No. 342—Essay For Large Queen Issue

The only Essay for the 1868 Large Queen Issue known to Boggs is that of the National Bank Note Co., New York, submitted in 1867. These are lithographed on thin card and come in four colors. Two shades of pink, two shades of green. All are of the 3c value.

These essays are very similar to one submitted to the U.S. with the head of Liberty instead of the young Queen.

Finally connected on one of these, securing a copy of the yellow-green. It is on a thin card approximately 60 x 70 mm., and has a solid yellow green background around the stamp, with the exception of a 5 mm. colorless border at the outer edges of the card, and a very narrow colorless border framing the stamp design.

No.343—1907 Second Issue Saskatchewan Laws

First a question about this unattractive type set stamps. Does anyone own a mint copy of the $5.00 value? My entire set is mint except for the $5.00 which is a punched cancel copy. Numerous letters have failed to turn up a mint one.

I can't get too excited about all the "period" varieties of this issue, although they are definite varieties. I am trying however to come by the "Cents" values in mint pairs, one showing the period missing after the abbreviation "C". So far I have the 5c, 10c and 25c in such pairs, but still need the 20c, 50c and 75c.

No. 344—Engine-Turned Borders On Early Excise Issues

"You "Admiral" issues fans who make such a fuss over the various types of Engine-turned borders on the postage issues might turn your study and attention to these contemporary Excise issues. I have seen a number of the "Admiral Head" type of Excise stamps with these borders, but do not recall seeing them on the "numeral" types. These same issues also show the pyramid of perforation guide lines in the border as do some of the Admiral postage issues.

No. 345—The "M.O." College Stamp

Nothing much is known about this stamp, although Walter Pollock mentioned in STAMPS back in Aug. 22, 1942. Pollock knew nothing of its origin, or even if it was a Canadian item.

At long last I have secured a copy, it is carmine-like on a medium white wove paper with a distinct horizontal mesh. The central design is quite indistinct, but appears to be made up of two books, an old fashioned pen stand, an ink well and an envelope. The figure "3" appears near the upper corners. Colorless letters "Three Cents' appear above the central design, with "College Stamp" below design. "M" appears in lower left corner, "O" in lower right.

Can anyone come up with information which would shed light upon the origin of this item?

No. 346—10c Consort Major Re-entry

Several years ago I was fortunate to purchase at the auction of the "Kay" collection nine pairs or strips of various printings of the 10c Consort of 1859. Remounting this portion of the collection some while back I was pleased to discovered that one of these pairs (vertical), contained the major re-entry found on stamp No. 29. This is described by Boggs but is not mentioned in Jarrett or Holmes. The lower left "X" crosses the frame line, and the left ornament is doubled.

Haven't located yet the re-entry found on stamp No. 31 of the sheet, doubling of the lower right "X" described by both Boggs and Jarrett.

No. 347—"Double Strike" on 3c Vermillion Small Queen

In Jarrett's 1929 edition, page 67 he described three types of "double strikes" he had seen on this interesting stamp. Type 1 is "Entire lower portion of stamp deeply shaded, upward."

In B.N.A. TOPICS for May 1946 Dick Hedley described and illustrated a fine example of this type, — on cover, postmarked Guelph, Ont., July 6, 1890.

Some years later I bought this cover from Dick,—and since I was not then doing much with Small Queens, laid it aside, and forgot it.

Recently I came across the cover and at last it finds its deserved place among the album pages! Only I wish to make one correction. Actually the doubling is most easily seen in the "lower portion" but as one would expect from a double-strike,—the entire design is doubled!

No. 348—1949 B.C. Conservation Progressive Proofs

These British Columbia "Duck" or Conservation stamps have been mentioned in previous packets No. 275 and No. 317. Today's item however is a "honey."

The 1949 issue was printed by a three-color process using red, blue and orange. Recently I obtained a copy of the trial color progressive proofs. There are three impressions. At left, the "red plate,"—at right the "blue plate,"—in center the finished three-color impression. However this "Trial Color" proof differs from the finished stamp. In the proofs there is color in the background behind "$1" and "STAMP,"—in the issued stamps these areas are colorless.

Supposedly only three copies of these proofs exist.

SEEING IT UP-SIDE-DOWN

James D. Cumming, writing in his This and That column in the Northern Miner, comes up with this about the Fire Prevention stamp:

Right side up it looked like Medusa in need of a Toni. It could hardly be Prince Charles because it showed a forehead.

Remembering our difficulties in orienting the "Goat" stamp, we turned it upside down. Staring at us morosely was one of Phil Webb's Mountain Boys, the red-headed one that Paw never seemed able to account fur. Perhaps in time's lapse, little Oncle Rafe had grew up, but Maw used to get awful mad and reach for the squirrel rifle whenever Paw got likkered up and mentioned the matter.

Baffled, we inked in a moustache. This was no improvement and we had spoiled a perfectly good medium of exchange. Sideways the stamp looked like a squid heading west, post haste. The other way it looks like a squid heading east, even post hastier.

Our ever-lovin' helpmeet, always practical, while we are just a dreamer, thought, that, with a handle and some O-Cedar Oil it would make a dandy mop. Appropriately enough it has us licked.

A divinity student, "Fiddle" by name, refused to accept his degree.

"The name Fiddle," he said, "is not any shame, but I couldn't stand 'Fiddle, D.D'."

NOTES ON PLATE BLOCKS

Here is the part for your article on plate blocks which you invited me to send to you. Briefly it is as follows:

As to November 1st the following plates have been issued in current series.

No.
337 1c Plates 1 to 5
338 2c Plate 1 to 5
339 3c Plates 1 & 2
340 4c Plate 1 to 7
341 5c Plate 1 to 11
342 6c Plate 1 & 2
343 15c Plates 1 & 2
New Paper Issue No. 362 Pl. 1 & 2
New Chemical No. 363 25c Pl. 1 & 2
New Fire No. 364 5c Plate 1-1
Only one plate issued.

Overprinted "G"

O41 2c Plates 1 & 2
O43 4c Plates 1 & 2
O44 5c Plates 1 & 2

Did You Know?

The Philatelic Section is sold out on the following:

1. No. 339 3c Plate 1—All positions; plate 2—UR, LR.
2. O32 $1 Totem "G" Plate 1—All positions (this may prove to be a scarce item).

After making numerous exchanges with several hundred collectors. I have come to the following conclusins. I'm not saying the statements are 100% true because I have no definite figures to back up what I am about to say—but from past experience, this is what I have found;

Plate 6 of 2c No. 326 is far scarcer than Plate 4 of 3c No. 327. But look at all of the price lists (even mine) and you will see they have No. 327 Plate 4 prices higher than No. 326 Plate 6.

On the current issues, there are some plates (I'm not going to go so far as to say they are scarce—but) that seem to be harder to pick up than the other plates. Here they are:

No.
337 1c Plate 3
338 2c Plate 3
339 3c All of them
340 4c Plate 4 (these ARE scarce)
341 5c Plates 7 & 8
342 6c UR positions (What part of the country are these being sent to? It must be the Yukon.)

Most post offices are still using the 3c No. 327. I know we are all wondering if there was a large or small run printed of Plate 1 & 2 on the 3c No. 339 because the Philatelic Section is now out of some of the positions on this stamp. If and when the Philatelic Section does run completely out of this stamp—what will they do? Restock with more Plate 1 and 2 or wait until Plates 3 & 4 are available? I have noted, in recent years, it has been the policy of the Philatelic Section—once their initial stock is exhausted, they will not restock it again—even when the stamp or plate is available at the Head Post office stock room. SO! What will they do this time? Your guess is as good as mine—we will simply have to wait and see.—Keith Pardy.

Note—I see the P.O.D. is all ready for the Christmas flood of cards. They have two new plates, 6 & 7, of the 2c ready to go.

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

Press reports of British Colonial releases keep collectors good and busy. New issues from North Borneo with a commemorative set of four has come to hand. Complete regular sets from Ascension and the Virgin Islands are due almost immediately; additional releases are to come from Jamaica and Seychelles, also a 10/- stamp from Malta. Among these issues will be various stamps of interest to topical collectors and include from the Virgin Isles a 60c Bonito fish, the $2.40 with a Pelican, the $4.80 with Man of War bird. In Ascension a 4p with long finner Tunny, the 1/- with Land Crab and the 2/6 with the Wideawake Bird. A new set is in preparation complete for Pitcairn Island.

The Australian Olympic set has reached me and I am personally disappointed. The two pictorials 1/- and 2/- are not significant for the occasion even if colorful. The 4d and 7½d pass, but I think the latter stamp would have appeared smarter in a richer deep blue.

In a dealer's store a few days ago I spotted a new stamp from Japan which would jar the nerves of Riley (Life of Riley) he would likely expire if someone suggested it was a

caricature of himself. This remarkable stamp is illustrated in Stamps of N.Y. of November 17th, page 239.

Some news indeed in "Stamps" of N.Y. just to hand. I note a mint pair of the 12d black of Canada is shortly to be offered for sale via the auction route by Harmer Rooke. A single mint copy of this stamp was sold a month or so ago for $10,500. Many years ago a mint pair of this stamp was sold by Mr. Angus for $4000 and the pair was sold to Mr. Liechenstein and with a bottom selvage margin. The pair Harmer Rooke will sell was also from the same collection and will no doubt be the cause of much discussion at the present time. Mr. Augus will also be interested with what the results will be.

Good wishes and greetings to you all for Christmas. May you have a good time, but watch your driving.

VOL. I OF SCOTT'S 1957

The United States section of the newly published 1957 Scott Standard Catalogue, Vol. I, presents an important array of price and number changes—more than this section has undergone in several years. These changes reflect the thorough and painstaking work of Associate Editor Sidney F. Barrett.

By actual count, there are 4,718 new U.S. pricings, which is more than three times the 1,431 new U.S. prices reported for the 1956 edition.

The raises begin in the Postmasters group, with the Annapolis 5c envelope leaping from $8,000 to $15,000, and the Lockport 5c going from $6,000 to $7,500. The New York 5c is up to $150 unused and $75 used. The 20c St. Louis Bear on gray lilac goes from $1,750 to $3,000.

Popular commemoratives have all been steeped up: The 1901 Pan-American set from $27.35 to $32.15 unused. Louisiana Purchase set from $34.25 to $40.25 unused. Jamestown set from $8.90 to $10.60 and so on it goes.

In 19th century U.S., the 1851-57 issue has been redated "1851-56," and the 1857-61 issues becomes "1857-60." In the 1857-60 issue, the 5c "Indian red" has been added as a major number (No. 28A); this stamp was formerly mentioned as a "henna red" shade of No. 28 in the U.S. Specialized Catalogue. Another newcomer to be found in the 1861 issue is the 3c "pigeon blood pink," which has been given No. 64a, while the 3c rose pink has been changed to No. 64b.

The up-to-dateness of the new Volume I is evidenced by the inclusion of the Devil's Tower 3c commemorative, issued on Sept. 24 (in the Addenda).

In the British and Latin-American sections of Vol. 1, Associate Editor Eugene N. Costales has given particular attention to the air-mail issues.

Colombia's SCADTA and "Navegacion Aerea" issues have been listed for the first time, under major numbers following No. C1. Other airmail stamps of Colombia have been re-numbered to accommodate the 81 newcomers.

Forty-eight airmail stamps of the Philippines, previously listed as ordinary postage issues, have been transferred to the airmail section and given "C" numbers.

Throughout Vol. I, a total of 24,500 prices have been changed or added, and of this total 9,127 will be found on the British Commonwealth pages. The new prices for Great Britain total 652; Brazil, 859; Colombia, 875; Mexico, 744; Nicaragua, 1,215.

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A WESTERN VIEW

The Victoria Daily Colonist states that the design of the Fire Prevention stamp could easily be mistaken for a Hallowe'en mask and concludes it has the earmarks of a symbol hurriedly planned. They see a need for a standing committee of competent artists and designers whose advise could be sought when an issue is contemplated. That a stamp going around the world is an advertisement of a nation, deserves more than perfunctory production.

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PROVINCIAL ISSUES (Part I)

By Ed Richardson, BNAPS

Last month we discussed some Canadian Official Perfins other than the OHMS varieties, which were Federal issues. These included both departments of the Dominion Government, and Crown Companies

This month we take up another group, the Official Perfins of various Provincial Governments, including general issues, special issues of certain commissions, and in one case a Provincial Company.

With the increasing interest in all Perfins, since the publication of the handbook "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials," by the British North America Philatelic Society,—these Provincial Officials should rate second in popularity to those of the Federal Government, and far ahead of the private issues.

Province of Saskatchewan

P S

Of all the Provincial issues I find those of the Province of Saskatchewan the most interesting. They are a general issue, used by the various departments and their branch offices. They were first used in connection with the 1922-25 Admiral issues. Since then they have been used extensively down thru the current Queen Elizabeth series. P.S. perfins are found on the large pictorials, commemoratives and most regular issues.

Only the one style perfin has been used during this entire thirty-five year period. The vertical line of "P" is seven holes high. However numerous examples of "broken pins" can be found. For a long time the top pin of the "S" must have been broken as this variety is found on numerous examples on issues of the 1925-27 period.

The perfins are found in all positions, including normal, reversed, inverted, inverted-reversed, doubles of various types, up, down, etc.

Here is a Provincial Official perfin, available in fairly good quality, over a long period of use, which should be a worthy challenge to many perfin fans. Not counting position varieties, this collector has managed to gather over 100 different Canadian stamps with the PS perfin,—and I have yet to obtain one on an airmail or special delivery issue.

Province of Ontario

LA—Legislative Assembly, Toronto.

Ontario is the only province providing us with more than one official perfin. The first is used by the Ontario government,—the second by a railway owned by the provincial government.

The LA perfin was first used in late 1931, and can be found on the 1930 issues thru the current Queen Elizabeth series. Generally speaking they are neither very common, nor rare. Most of those in this writer's collection are of the higher values, including the pictorials. The numbers of 12c and 13c values found with this perfin might indicate a heavy use on Registered Mail. It may also indicate a more careful control over the higher values.

Most all copies with the LA perfin are cancelled with the familiar single-circle "HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY P.O. ONTARIO" cancellation. Not all stamps so postmarked however are LA perfins. A few copies

bear the roller type "HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY" cancel.

The job of perforating the LA design in the stamps was carefully done. I have seen no examples of these other than in their normal position.

TN/OR—Timiskaming & Northern Ont. R.R.

The TN/OR perfin is quite scarce, and its use was very short lived. It is found only on the 1912 Admiral Issue, and so far I have found them only on the 1c green and 2c carmine. This was used by the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railroad, owned by the Ontario Provincial Government, and running from Toronto to James Bay. Headquarters were in North Bay, Ont.

(To be concluded next month)

SAINT JOHN, N.B., EX

The annual stamp exhibition by the Saint John Stamp Club was held on November 17th at the Admiral Beatty Hotel in Lounges 1, 2 and 3.

Mr. Bart Stead, a member of the club on the previous Wednesday, made a fine broadcast on television, showing various mounted sheets of popular issues, he was interviewed by Jene Wood of local fame. For a week before the show a large giant sized replica of the 1898 Map stamp of Canada, often referred to as the Christmas stamp, was on window display at the large department store of Manchester Robinson Ltd., this was loaned to the stamp club by Mr. L. G. Lightfoot, president of the Trans-World Air Lines of New York.

The exhibition lounges were filled to capacity with displays and included the stamps of many countries which, due to the large variety, appeared of much interest to both young and adult collectors as well as the general public.

In the first day cover section was a fine showing of cacheted air mails. In the general cover section were many rare early covers of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and early Canada. In the Nova Scotia lot was seen the rare 6c large Queen bisect dated and nicely tied on, also a 3c small Queen of Canada perforated 12½. Full sheets of New Brunswick issues and a block of four specimen proof of the 1860 famous Chas Connell issue were shown.

The British Colonial section had complete mint sets of the Queen Elizabeth obsolete issues of Northern Rhodesia, Nyassaland, and Southern Rhodesia and a fine display of Australia. Of special interest were mint block of four of Canada 1912 issues of Geo. 5th Admiral stamps with engine turned selvage also other displays of mint sets of Canada.

In the U.S.A., frames were complete sets of 20th century issues. The European section had two very fine mounted collections of both early and modern stamps of the Netherlands. Of Israel there was a very attractive mint collection including rarities many of which are now almost unobtainable.

Topical stamps were generously displayed and of much interest to the junior visitors.

Many rare and interesting items were loaned for the occasion by the New Brunswick Museum.

NEW PLATE BLOCK CATALOG

The Stanley Stamp Co., Ltd., 877 Hornby St., Vancouver, B. C., are preparing to bring out the third edition of the Canadian Plate Block Catalogue. This should be ready early in the new year. Their previous two editions met a ready welcome and were soon absorbed. The intense interest taken in plate blocks in recents years makes it necessary to have the latest information on the subject if one is to keep informed. So keen is the demand for these stamp items that prices can change quickly, particularly in the scarce positions. Thus the catalog of a year or two back is practically obsolete in the matter of pricing. A new catalog, brought up-to-date with the latest in prevailing prices and new additions since the last catalog will be a most useful guide to the confirmed plate block collector.

BEND-OF-PETITCODIAC

By Frank W. Campbell

The article in October Popular Stamps about the wrong spelling of this name brought surprising requests from some readers as where is this place. It is the present day Moncton, N.B.

The starting date of postal service to the place is hazy, but before 1835 there was some kind of service to this spot where the wagon road around the end of the Bay of Fundy crossed the river at that spot. Early post office lists are very indefinite as to its name, calling it Bend, Moncton, Petitcodiac Bend, Petitcodiac, and occasionally its full name. In 1865 it was officially changed to Moncton. Two other Moncton names got into lists, Moncton Way Office, nearby, existed 1851-1868, and Moncton Road operated from 1867 on. Joseph Crandall, in the early period, was listed as postmaster of Moncton for over 50 years.

The query as to location of "Bend" brings up a common question? Most of the older postal data available refers to only Quebec-Ontario as it now exists. Data about the Maritime provinces is much more difficult to obtain. I have most of it in manuscript, obtained largely from old records in England. The library of the B.N.A.P.S. has a very complete showing of old data available to its members, in fact I think no circulating library has more usable books that fit the mail facilities. In old Archives where I looked over the earlier Postal Records of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia many of the books were immense, weighing up to 30 pounds, so such weighty items are not practical to a mail library.

On my desk is an 1853 cover from Woodstock, U.C., to Woodstock, N.B. Such odd combinations are not common, and in this case the 10 postmarks are nearly all perfect strikes. A possibly more unusual pair of names would be Toronto to Toronto, which is possible in the 1834-1836 era. Toronto Township post office existed 1826-1836, which is two years after the present Toronto changed from York in 1834. This confusion in naming might be the reason why the first postmark of the present Toronto read "THE CITY OF TORONTO."

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By Marion Dick Peyton

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On November 2 the P.M. General announced the selection of five commemorative stamps to be included in the 1957 Stamp Program of the Department.

These include stamps honoring Alexander Hamilton on the 200th anniversary of his birth; the Coast and Geodetic Survey on the 150th anniversary of its establishment; and Oklahoma on the 50th anniversary of its admission to the Union.

A commemorative stamp honoring the school teachers of America; and another commemorative stamp in the Wildlife series will also be issued.

No actual dates, places of first-day sale, and other details including designs and colors are given. These will be announced later.

National Stamp Collecting Week this year (November 12-18) which paid homage to the children of America reached its culmination with the annual ASDA stamp show in New York. It was the best show in the history of its philatelic exhibitions.

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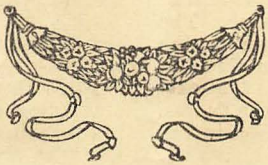

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